Student awarded prestigious British Marshall Scholarship

Holland - This past year, Hope College chemistry professor Rod Boyer was on the front lines of RNA research, emboldened in the effort to develop molecular warriors that can help humanity in its fight against viruses like cancer and AIDS.

Boyer spent 1991 at the University of Colorado/Boulder with Thomas C. Cech, the Nobel Prize-winning biochemist who discovered and is pioneering the understanding of ribozymes, a special form of ribonucleic acid (RNA). The implications, Boyer says, are staggering.

"These have been studied now for about 10 years. We're just beginning to understand how they work," Boyer said. "But my guess is in five to 10 years there will be at least some testing in humans using catalytic RNA, and there will be some major medical uses of RNA in the future."

Cech found that some RNA molecules, called ribozymes, not only deliver the messages but also serve as catalysts. According to Boyer, part of what makes the discovery so important is that biochemists are currently able to create RNA synthetically, which means that they should one day be able to create ribozymes that can destroy the messenger RNA that carries harmful instructions, such as cancer viruses.

Sabbatical puts professor at forefront of biochemistry research

"All viruses express their genetic information by means of messenger RNA, and some viruses, including some cancer causing viruses, store genetic information in RNA rather than DNA," Boyer said. "If the future ribozymes may be designed that can cleave RNA and thereby deactivate such viruses in a living organism."

Boyer's role in Colorado consisted of determining the RNA's structure, knowledge that is necessary if the ribozymes are to be understood and utilized. His sabbatical was funded by a grant from the American Cancer Society and Hope College.

Boyer noted that Cech's research with RNA which is one of science's most rapidly growing fields, "There have been major ex- plosions in biochemical research, and every day we hear about major job opportunities - there aren't that many jobs available 10 to 15 years ago."

The American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology (ASMBB) has also recently released its own set of recommendations for institutions with a biochemistry program.

Boyer is a member of the committee that drafted the ASMBB's recommendations. He feels he was chosen in part because Hope was "one of the pioneering schools in starting a biochemistry program," having established a program in the field as early as 1968.

Hope's biochemistry program meets the criteria of both the ACS and the ASMBB. The college's traditional emphasis on undergraduate research also insures that students gain exposure to the methodology of biochemistry investigations, according to Boyer.

"It is because of the increased interest in biochemistry as a discipline that Boyer especially values his 1991 sabbatical with Cech.

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Mike Theune (92)

Hope recognized for innovative and exemplary academic advising

HOLLAND - American College Testing (ACT) and the National Aca-
demic Advising Association (NACAD) have recognized Hope College for a Certificate of Merit for innovative and exemplary practices in the academic ad-
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Admissions office increases staff, adds new assistant director

Cynthia Tanty
campus editor

Garrett Knox has joined the Hope College staff as Assistant Director of Admissions. His responsibilities also include recruiting and serving as a liaison with the Financial Aid Office.

Gary Camp, Director of Admissions, said, "We are making it possible for Hope to contact more prospective students personally and tell them about the great programs the college provides." Knox is from Augustana College in Rock Island, Ill. He has previously worked as Director of Admissions and Financial Aid Central College in Pella, Iowa, and as an admissions consultant with the firm of Stuart, Weiner & Associates. When asked why he decided to work for Hope, Knox said, "My wife was promoted to district manager of Abbott Laboratories. So, we could work together and relocate to West Michigan to live. So, called Hope to see if there were any job openings." Said Knox, "Hope is the best place I've been in terms of the opportunities and the quality of education. So, it's easy to talk to (prospective) students about it. I am fortunate to be at Hope and I hope my 20 plus years of experience can benefit Hope.'

Campus Briefs

Milestone yearbooks ready for pick-up

The 1991 Milestone yearbooks are in at last! Those ordered books will last year will receive remainder notices in the mail. Pre-ordered books MUST be picked up by Friday, January 24, or they may be resold as extras. Books will be held for those students participating in off-campus programs this semester. Graduates will receive their books in the mail.

Extra books are available at a cost of $30 each and may be purchased in the Milestone office during office hours or in the DeVist lobby during the week of January 24-31 (times TBA). Quantity are extremely limited. Office Hours for the spring semester are as follows: M-R 7-6 p.m., Tu-Th 8:30-6:30 p.m., F 1-5 p.m., Su 1-5 p.m.

History paper presented at convention

Marc Bier, Associate Professor of History at Hope College and Richard Lumunden of Ball State University, presented a paper on the Biannual convention of the Modern Language Association, which was held in Chicago on November 29. Titled "Anesthetics, Political Violence, and Modern British Politics," the paper was based on research the two carried out last summer thanks to a cooperative-faculty-student research grant from Hope College. The meeting was in conjunction with the annual conference of the American Historical Association.

Hope College has a national reputation for encouraging and supporting joint faculty-student research in the humanities, as well as the social and natural sciences.

Find out about the Greece May Term

There will be an informal informational meeting in Graue 201 (Language Resource Center) at 4:00-5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 5, for anyone interested in Hope College's Greece May-June-term to Greece. Those who are interested are urged to come and learn more about next year's study tour to Greece and the Greek islands. Led by Prof. Nenushat and Prof. Kelly Osborne. If you would like more information, please contact the Provost's office (x7765) or Prof. Kelly Osborne, Dept. of Modern & Classical Languages (Office: Graves Basement 3; x7761 or x7570, to leave a message)

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Japanese automakers gain at expense of Big Three
Big Three sales down 12.6 percent from last year

by Frederick Standish
AP Auto Writer

DETROIT (AP) - Japanese automakers gained their biggest share yet of the U.S. market in 1991, mainly at the expense of the ailing Big Three, automakers reported on the eve of a crucial U.S. trade meeting with Japanese leaders.

Overall, American and foreign automakers posted their worst U.S. sales since 1983. Sales of new cars and light trucks sold in the United States fell 11.4 percent from the year before.

But in a rare bright spot in a generally dismal year, auto sales spurted in the last 10 days of 1991. Sales of North American-made cars and light trucks rose 9.1 percent in late December.

Collectively, Big Three sales were down 12.6 percent last year while Japanese sales fell 5 percent.

The figures reported Monday gave new emphasis to President Bush's trip to Japan the eve of a crucial U.S. trade meeting with ailing Big Three, automakers reported on the cars and light trucks rose 9.1 percent in late December.

The numbers are evidence that the Big Three are hurting far more than the Japanese in a weak U.S. auto market.

All together, automakers said they sold 12.4 million new cars and light trucks in the United States last year, the fewest since 11.7 million were sold in 1983.

For the Dec. 21-31 period, GM sales were up 1.2 percent and Ford's rose 35.4 percent, both on the strength of robust truck sales.

Chrysler's sales were estimated to have declined 5.7 percent during the period. Chrysler reports sales only on a monthly basis. The Associated Press estimate is based on the automaker's average monthly market share over the 12 previous months.

It's expected that the main subject during Bush's meeting with the Japanese will be the auto market's part in the trade deficit. About one-fourth of the $141 billion-plus U.S. trade deficit with Japan is in automobiles and auto parts.

Wall Street analysts have speculated that the Big Three this year should maintain or slightly increase their market share. However, they cautioned the rise might come largely due to Japanese automakers backing off the face of political pressure.

"I think the Japanese are going to hold their market share flat and, instead, raise prices," said John Caruso, an analyst for Wertheim Schroder & Co., a Wall Street firm.

"They're self-imposing a quota."

Analysts and auto executives forecasted an increase in 1992 sales of somewhere around 10 percent, provided the economy begins a modest recovery in the second half of the year.

Ford North American sales Vice President Robert Weyrey said Monday there were some indications that sales will be improving, especially for trucks.

"During the first quarter, he said, "we expect our car sales to be up a little from the depressed levels of the fourth quarter, but our truck sales should rise more sharply."

Individually, GM's sales dropped 12.5 percent during 1991. Ford's fell 13.6 percent and Chrysler's were down 11.2 percent.

Among the Japanese automakers, Toyota's sales declined 4.4 percent, Nissan's slumped 6.3 percent and Honda's dropped 6 percent.

The Honda Accord, made in Ohio and Japan, was America's best-selling car for the third straight year. The Ford F-Series truck was the nation's best-selling vehicle overall for the 10th straight year.

GM's stock rose to $33.50 per share last week, while Ford was up 50 cents to finish at $35.67 and Chrysler increased 12 cents to finish at $33.62 1/2. Big Three stocks have been rising so far this year as investors bet on a return to profitability with an improving economy and Japanese trade concessions.

Price hikes stir anger, despair in Russia

by Brenda Day
AP Writer

DETROIT (AP) - Animal rights activists, some dressed as rodents, staged a protest Saturday at an auto show to condemn General Motors Co. for using small animals in crash tests.

Many of the two dozen protesters were arrested at Detroit's Cobo Convention Center after they darted onto a rotating platform and handcuffed their wrists to the steering wheel of a 1992 Chevrolet Corvette.

Three other demonstrators were arrested outside Cobo Convention Center after they used sludge hammers to smash a Chevrolet Chevette painted with the slogan, "GM lay off animals, not workers."

As GM officials struggled to cut the sisters' handcuffs with bolt cutters, other protesters in the packed audience shouted, "GM kills."

One angry auto show visitor tried to raise his voice above the chanting.

"You're a bunch of sissies," Ernest March of London, Ontario, screamed at the protesters. "You probably buy Toyotas, too."

Many of the two dozen protesters were members of People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, a group opposed to the use of pigs, dogs, rabbits, ferrets, mice and rats in vehicle-safety research. Several demonstrators dressed as rodents to protest the practice.

GM has used small animals in crash tests for years in attempts to develop safer devices.

"There are highly sophisticated computer models that can do the testing," said Bill Krysa of Ann Arbor, a Ford Motor Co. engineer. "There's no need to use animals."

But GM spokesman Don Postma said crash tests on live animals yield valuable information despite a greater reliance on dummies in the last 15 years.

"We need to see what happens to living tissue in a crash," Postma said. "Our research has shown that for every animal we test and use, we save the equivalent of 200 human automobile crashes."

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PRESIDENT BUSH RECOVERED quickly from his bout with the flu he experienced in Tokyo.
**Editorial**

Poor sportsmanship has no place in rivalry

Tonight the Hope-Calvin rivalry will again be settled on the court as the Flying Dutchmen travel to Calvin for the big showdown. This will be the 123rd match-up in what is considered to be one of the premier NCAA Division III rivalries in the nation.

The series began during the 1920-21 season in a game won by Hope 29-12. Since that time Hope has come out of the contests victorious 60 times to Calvin's 62 victories. But more amazingly, only nine points separate the teams over those 122 games, with Hope scoring 7,851 points to Calvin's 7,842 points.

However, this rivalry is being tarnished by juvenile behavior on the part of a few Calvin students. For those who have not noticed the anchor located on the west side of Graves Hall has once again been painted maroon and gold.

This unoriginal act of behavior may be expected from high school adolescents, but obviously some Calvin students have once again sunk to the depths of imbeciles and morons.

It's unfortunate that our counterparts in Grand Rapids have to express such juvenile behavior over a basketball game. To be frank, it is downright disgusting to see such juvenile behavior at an activity which was originally invented for normal human beings.

One can only be disappointed with such uncalled for behavior at an activity which was originally invented for amusement and physical activity.

Let the battle be on the courts and not off the courts. Poor sportsmanship is a sign of immaturity and sadly enough too many fans exemplify this pathetic behavior.

Yes, our anchor, a symbol of Hope College, has been desecrated once again.

But, it is understandable; in fact, it's about all they can do, seeing how this Wednesday the Flying Dutchman are going to defeat the Knights on the basketball court where the rivalry should be decided.

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**Letters to the editors**

Racial tensions spark alumna's reaction

Dear anchor editors,

I am an alumna of Hope College. Recently, I came for a visit. I promptly heard of the racial tensions that have occurred since my graduation. I commend Mr. Jim Hymes and everyone else who wrote an editorial, because people at Hope are finally expressing their opinions. Now that these opinions have been aired, the Hope community can begin to deal with the problem at hand. That is, dealing with racism here.

As an African-American woman, I unfortunately know first hand about these occurrences. I am writing to tell you that this is not the first nor the last such incident. These are everyday occurrences (for those of you who are unaware that there is a problem), and have happened throughout my four year career at Hope. The incident Jim spoke of is not even the worst.

I understand quite a bit of dialogue has come out of Mr. Hymes article, however, what action on the part of the administration has taken place? This incident is quite upsetting to me, but not surprising. I also have tried to bring an awareness of racism on campus for four years. I am sad to say that since my freshman year, things have actually gotten worse instead of better. I would like to urge the student body and administration to take a good look at themselves and the college. Everyone must begin to become sensitized to this problem because if they don't, things will continue to become worse. At this point, it is only a matter of time before racial tensions explode. I don't wish for this to happen, but if it will if things do not begin to change.

I'd also like to comment on Mr. Demberger's editorial. First of all, civil rights, if you have done your homework, does not imply being civil to one another (However, I did my homework. You can find this information in a volume of books called Reference Library of Black America. It can be found at Van Wylan Library in the reference section.) The term was first used in 1866, the 60s, and recently in 1990 and 1991 (the new Civil Rights Bill just passed). The 1866 bill states that "...all persons born in the United States of every race and color shall have the same rights in every state and territory in the United States, to full and equal benefits of all laws." Secondly, regardless of whether or not Mr. Hymes heard the whole conversation he heard the very important racial slur made. When white people make statements such as the one made by those Hope students, they meant what they said or they wouldn't have picked the choice words they did.

Thirdly, the white race is the reason for five hundred years of oppression for African-Americans, not to mention Native Americans, Latin Americans, and Asian Americans. Remember we were brought here in chains as part of the transatlantic slave trade. We did not choose to come. Even today we as a race are still oppressed and treated as second class citizens despite our numerous contributions. Also, despite the fact that this has been our country for five centuries, white people are catered to in every aspect in this world. They have devastated, raped, enslaved, murdered and assimilated throughout time. I would hardly call Jim's editorial racist!

Lastly, this generation is responsible for the present and the future and have perpetuated oppression in the "so called land of opportunity."

Sincerely,

Samara Brianca Guzzo
Alumni '91

**Article should be presented as writer's opinion**

In response to the article on the two Hope students who were arrested for protesting against abortion in Operation Rescue, I would like to state two points:

First of all, I would like to say that I have absolutely no stand on the abortion issue whatsoever. I believe everyone is entitled to their or her opinion no matter what it may be, and the press has not only a right, but an obligation to be those views forward—in an editorial.

As far as the actual reporting is concerned, Mr. Runyon, a man I particularly admire, has done an excellent job of reporting the event as they occurred with an adept blend of characterization and fact.

Unfortunately, this is an article which belongs in the editorial section. I am not saying it should have been omitted, I am merely pointing out that the issue involved is much too delicate to be shuffled in with the rest of the news.

If Hope wishes to maintain the image that it is a diverse environment to obtain an education in, as previous articles in The anchor would imply, would it not be better to present this article as an opinion, not as news?

I am sure, for those who approve of abortion, that a front page article, replete with photos of those who were arrested, might be found to be biased if not offensive. Thus, the placement of the article seems to tell the reader that those who have two cities, everyone should go out and protest abortion because that type of declaration Hope agrees with. They'll even give you a free front page article for it.

Let's face it, ideas of Martin Luther King and Gandhi aside, these two women were arrested. Their thinking may be totally correct, they probably believed in the idea of a peaceful protest.

However, it is not the job of Hope to put them on the head for what they did and give them press which was not objective in nature, especially on such an explosive concern. In this issue, the final question becomes: would Hope College, or, in this case The anchor, delegate the same coverage to the Pro-Choice movement?

David Betlejeswski

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Animation filled with frecks, brings diversity
by Matt Bays
art editor

Madness, insanity, politics, skeletons breasting the dance, dancing G.I. Joe, dead dogs, potato hunters, and secretaries are on hand to entertain at the Knickerbocker Theater.

This week until Wednesday. The 23rd International Tournee of Animation is playing, and mutating—with a grotesque intensity reserved normally for the wacked-out heights of all—people not ready for a trip into the uncharted waters of the bizarre.

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Black Robe historical and disturbing film
Brian Page
guest writer

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Travelling art exhibit comes to DePree Gallery
Artists use patterns to transmit information

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The artists use patterns as a bridge, closing the gap between art and life by raising our level of consciousness. They provoke their audiences to consider experiences outside the world of aesthetics.

In the exhibition’s 26 paintings, photographs and mixed-media works, patterns do not stand alone, but carry with it the echoes of the past. They use pattern principally to order and transmit information.

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Sports Briefs

Spring sports physicals scheduled

The Hope College health clinic will be offering physicals for those athletes participating in a spring sport.

The physicals will be January 15, 16 and 17 and are free of charge for all spring sports participants. Athletes should call the Health clinic (X7858) to make an appointment for a physical.

Registration for Lil' Dutch Club begins

Holland - The Hope College women's basketball team will sponsor clinics for young girls, grades 3-7, on the next three Saturdays beginning February 1. The Lil' Dutch Club is an opportunity to learn the fundamentals of basketball at the clinic and to be involved with the Hope team during their Saturday home games in February, according to coach Sue Wise.

The clinics will be held in the Dow Center on the Hope Campus from 9:30-11 a.m. on Feb. 1, Feb. 16, and Feb. 29. The clinics will be staffed by Wise, assistant coaches Tod Gugino and Mary Schaap and members of the team.

Participants will also be provided a special cheering section at the home games to be held on the same day as the clinic. There will be an opportunity to share pizza with team members following the game.

The cost will be $20 for all of the clinics and other activities. Forms are available at elementary schools and the Dow. Deadline registration is Jan. 23.
Superwoman steps down

Those of you who are avid readers of The anchor staff box will have realized by now that my name no longer appears as Co-editor. This is probably stunning news to a few people; I have resigned from the incredibly well-paid position of editor. But I don’t want anyone to feel too disappointed, so my column will still appear every other week, unless Steve decides to edit me now that he has the power to do so.

Most of you have probably heard the rumor that’s spreading like wildfire—being editor was so stressful that over Christmas break I had a nervous breakdown and tried to shoot everyone in the Coldwater McDonalds with the Lost Boy squirter out of my little sister’s Happy Meal.

Well, it’s not true, at least the part about the Lost Boy squirter. I actually resigned back in November because I decided I wanted to graduate this spring and I couldn’t take the necessary classes AND edit The anchor. Contrary to my boss’ opinion, I am not Superwoman, and I couldn’t handle both loads.

I have been on The anchor staff since the first semester of my freshman year. In the last three and a half years the newspaper has become very important to me and has demanded larger and larger chunks of my time and energy. It’s not something you do for the money. It’s something you do because you love it. And I do love The anchor for all it has given me but there have been times when I have hated it too for the constant stress and responsibility.

Friends have asked me if I will miss it and I am sure that I will once this first issue comes out and I realize it’s the first issue to be published that I haven’t had a hand in for years. But right now I am enjoying being a normal student (taking a heavy course load and working two part-time jobs). It’s nice not to have the constant responsibility hanging “over my head” — that’s where this column title originated. Last Wednesday when a professor asked me why there was no paper I simply said, “That’s not my job anymore,” and it felt good.

Anyway, now I have better things to worry about like planning a wedding in six months, graduating, grad school applications and just getting on with life. Condolence cards for Steve can be sent care of The anchor.